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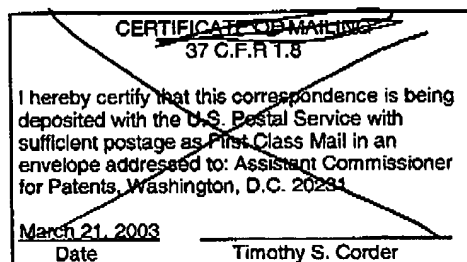
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 22, 2003

BOX: AF
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Sir:

The present paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action of January 22, 2003, the date for response for which is April 22, 2003. This response is thus believed to be timely filed. No fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper. However, if a fee is deemed to be due for any reason under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct the requisite amount from VINSON & ELKINS L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-005CON.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows: